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MAY 22
-Las Animas County
THURSDAY (9 a.m.) Board of County Commissioners meeting is in the Las Animas Courthouse, 200 E. First St., Room 201. Information: 719-845-2568. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Gary Hill (719-845-2595), Mack Loudon (719-845-2592), and Anthony Abeyta (719-846-9300).
-Economic Development
THURSDAY (3 p.m.) Trinidad and Las Animas County Board of Directors will meet at 134 West Main St., Suite 23 (Bell Block). Information: 719-846-9412.
-Trinidad Catholic Cemetery
THURSDAY (6:30 p.m.) Association meeting will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 205 S. Commercial St. The public is invited to attend. Information: 719-846-4934.
-Hoehne Schools
THURSDAY (7 p.m.) Hoehne School Board will meet in regular session (no work session), in the Superintendents Office. Information: Hannah Baca, 719-846-4457 ext.109.
-Celebrate National EMS Week
THRU FRIDAY (4-9 p.m. each evening) The public is invited to an open house at The Trinidad Ambulance District building, 939 Robinson Ave. Register to win one of four free gifts on **MAY 24/SATURDAY (10 a.m.)** at the Family Fun Day at Trinidad Catholic Football Field complete with a Firemen's Challenge and Chili Cookoff.

Today's Quote

"I recorded a song called, *I Fall to Pieces*, and I was in a car wreck. Now I'm worried because I have a brand-new record, and it's called *Crazy!*"

-Patsy Cline

MAY 23-25
-CLOSURE NOTICES
*The Chronicle-News office will be closed Monday for Memorial Day. The paper will be delivered as usual with no interruption of service. Information: 719-846-3311.
*Las Animas County Employees
FRIDAY & MONDAY: The county offices at the courthouse will be closed for a mandatory furlough day for all county employees and for the Memorial Day Holiday. Information: Leeann Fabec, 719-845-2562.
*The City of Trinidad offices and Landfill will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day.
*SCCOG the South Central Council of Governments and affiliates will be closed Monday for the Memorial Day Holiday. Rideline information: 719-845-1127.
-TRINIDAD LAKE STATE PARK
Information: Park Office, 719-846-3818
*FRIDAY (8 p.m.) Ranger Campfire Talk at the park amphitheater.
*SATURDAY (3 p.m.) Youth Archery Program (Boys and Girls age 10 and older) join District Wildlife Manager Bob Holder at Carpois Cove Parking Lot.
*SATURDAY (7 p.m.) Enjoy "Sights and Sounds of Colorado Wildlife" with Bob Holder at the amphitheater.
*SUNDAY (6 p.m.) NEW THIS YEAR: A Ranger Hike every Sunday night thru Labor Day. Meet at the Visitor's Center to begin the adventure.
*SUNDAY (7 p.m.) Images of the Canyon performance by nationally recognized guitarist Jaquie Gipson at the amphitheater.
-Community Men's Breakfast
SATURDAY (8 a.m.) Bring your sons and join us for food, fellowship and fun every 4th Saturday at the First Christian Church, 402 E. First St. (basement fellowship hall). Information: Tom Berry, 719-846-0879 or 719-846-3843. This monthly event is free and everyone is welcome to attend.
-Family Fun Day
SATURDAY (10 a.m.) Celebrate EMS Week at the Family Fun Day at Trinidad Catholic Football Field complete with a Firemen's Challenge and Chili Cookoff.
-Philosophy Discussion Group
SATURDAY (12:30 - 2 p.m.) Join this free discussion group at the Lava Yoga Studio, 828 Arizona. RSVP: 719-846-2325 or email: www.lavayogastudio.com. Everyone is welcome.
-LeVeta Art Show
SATURDAY (5-7 p.m.) The Pinion Hill Art Gallery will host its 9th Annual Memorial Day Weekend Art Opening, 210 S. Main St. Information: 719-742-3666.
-Meditation Group
SUNDAY (11 a.m.) You are invited to experience what meditation can do for you. This free group meets at the La Quinta Inn on Toupal Drive. Information: Noah Simpson, 719-680-0109 or 224-430-4322.

PUBLIC SERVICE
-Apishapa Valley
MAY 31 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) Celebrate "Heritage Day" at the Heritage Center, 151 Main St. in Aguilar. Festivities include a bake sale, live demonstrations and historical presentations. Information: Pat Romero, 719-941-4678.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 05/21/2014. Dolores Duran ditch: Priority #33 / Appropriation date: 04/30/1867.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
Release 237.01 AF
Inflow 223.30 AF -- 112.58 CFS
Evaporation 13.29 AF
Content 14,313 AF
Elevation 6,174.61
Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call / Highland Canal: 04/01/1884.



'DAYS OF GLORY' JUNE 7

Students, Pioneer give Honor Flight donations

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

A nationwide program called Honor Flights flies World War II veterans to and from the many war monuments in Washington, D.C., at no cost to the veterans, who are accompanied by volunteers who assist them. At least two area veterans will be making an Honor Flight trip in late September, and both Pioneer Natural Resources and Trinidad High School's Leadership Team presented checks to Honor Flight volunteers on Tuesday in support of the effort.

The leadership team sold candles and chocolate Easter bunnies as fundraisers and presented a check worth \$450 to Honor Flight volunteer Chris Huffman of First National Bank. Pioneer had promised to match whatever amount the team could raise, but the company sweetened its donation by presenting volunteers with a check for \$2,500.

Huffman said it costs \$950 per veteran for each Honor Flight, which includes airfare, lodging, meals and transportation around the capital. The volunteers help the aging veterans get around and work to make the veterans' travel experiences as memorable as possible.

Speaking of what raising funds for Honor Flights meant to her, member of the leadership team Selena Hernandez said, "It means so much to me because they have given so much and sacrificed so much. It's a privilege, not a burden, for me to be a part of this. It's an honor to help them out."

Team member Vaughn Galasso said that he helped to support the Honor Flights because "it's just the right thing to do. They gave a lot for their country."

Huffman said Tuesday's total donation of \$2,950 was in addition to the \$3,200 that Honor Flight volunteers had previously raised for the effort, bringing the combined total to \$6,150 so far.

Bob Gill, operations manager at the Pioneer facility west of Trin-



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Trinidad High School Leadership Team Members, Honor Flight volunteers and an official from Pioneer Natural Resources met on Tuesday as checks supporting Honor Flight were graciously handed out. Kneeling in the front row, left to right, Rebecca Bowman, Kylie Jameson, Mychaela Vecellio and Selena Hernandez. In the back row, left to right, are Dante Begano, Marcus Festi, Principal Olivia Bachicha, Jade Sanchez, Ashley Macaluso, Devon Sandoval, volunteer Chris Huffman, Bob Gill of Pioneer, volunteer Laurie Sorensen, Vance Ferrero, Vaughn Galasso and Steven Holden.

idad, handed over the check to volunteer Laurie Sorensen. Gill has worked for Pioneer for the past 18 years, and he talked about the latest of many contributions that Pioneer and its employees have made to good causes in the Trinidad area.

"Many of our Pioneer employees are veterans," Gill said. "It just really is a great honor for us to be able to help with this. A family member of mine won the Purple Heart during World War II, so this is very close to my heart."

Huffman said that she would accompany veterans James (Red) Hanlen and Robert Tapia on the Honor Flight in late September, and she is seeking other veterans

who would like to make the trip.

The next big fundraising event is titled "Honor Flight: Days of Glory," and will be held from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. on June 7 at the Mt. Carmel Center, located at 911 Robinson Ave. Attendees are encouraged to wear 1940s-era hairstyles and clothes for the event, which will feature dinner, a movie about Honor Flights, World War II memorabilia displays and a chance to visit with veterans of the great conflict that helped define the 20th century. The dinner costs \$50 per ticket, and tickets are available at First National Bank, or by calling Huffman at 719-680-0560. The Las Animas County Veterans Memorial Committee is

sponsoring the dinner.

Memorial Day is coming up this weekend and volunteers are still needed to place flags on veterans' graves at area cemeteries on Saturday, May 24. Interested parties should call Linda Barron at 719-846-8223 if they would like to help or if they know of a veteran's grave that has gotten a flag in the past.

Memorial Day observances will be held, beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 26, at Trinidad Catholic Cemetery and will be followed by similar observances at Trinidad Masonic Cemetery and the Colorado Welcome Center, located at 309 Nevada Ave.

THE ARTS

'Best New Act in Country Music' returns to Raton for concert

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

When Crystal Yates opens her Shuler Theater concert on Saturday night, she'll demonstrate how she won the title "The Best New Act in Country Music," which was awarded at the 32nd Annual Texaco Country Music Showdown's national finals, held on January 16, 2014, at Nashville's legendary Ryman Auditorium.

The title was accompanied by a \$100,000 check that Yates earned by topping more than 50,000 contestants in a progression of judged

regional competition led to her return to Raton for a full-fledged concert.

Previous state and regional Showdown winners include a Who's Who of modern country music — Brad Paisley, Jason Aldean, Miranda Lambert, Tim McGraw, Carrie Underwood, Tracy Lawrence, LeAnn Rimes, Martina McBride, Tracy Byrd and Garth Brooks, to name a few. Most of these performers, however, did not match Yates's achievement of winning the national title.

Yates stands out for her passionate singing and heartfelt original songs, but her secret weapon



Photos courtesy of Crystal Yates

A native of the Florida panhandle — "Lower Alabama" in local parlance — Crystal Yates, above, moved to Texas before claiming this year's 32nd Annual Texaco Country Music Showdown prize as "The Best New Act in Country Music." Crystal and Will Yates, left, perform at Nashville's famed Ryman Auditorium on January 16, 2014.

phatically convinced us to keep things just the two of us. We did that all the way through to nationals. The Showdown staff at Nashville even asked us, 'Are you really sure you don't want to use the legendary Charlie McCoy Band?' It was tough, but we felt like what we do had been working this far, so we kept it the same."

Based for five years in McKinney, Texas, north of Dallas, Crystal and Will Yates grew up in the Florida panhandle — "Very much a part of the South," Crystal said. "In fact, we call it LA —Lower Alabama. I'm from

Niceville. In fact, some of my family actually signed the charter that

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performances at local, state and regional competitions. As host LeAnn Rimes announced on national television from the Ryman stage, "Crystal Yates won the highly competitive southwestern regional finals held at the Shuler Theater in Raton, New Mexico." Yates's performance in that re-

may be her choice of band: It consists of only her voice and her husband's guitar. And they definitely get the job done.

"After winning the first competition," Will Yates said, "we were unsure if proceeding forward we should use a band or not, but our local radio station manager em-



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The road to Nashville led through Raton when Crystal Yates, accompanied by husband Will Yates, prevailed over winners from various states in the southwestern regional championship last October at Raton's Shuler Theater.

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WEATHER WATCH
Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly after 9pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79. W-SW wind 5 to 10 mph. New

rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before 9pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46.
Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73. West wind 5 to 10 mph. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around

49.
Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers s. Partly sunny, with a high near 72. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47.
Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 71. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.

60 Obituaries

Paul Roy Hunter

Paul Roy Hunter, passed away April 15, 2014 at the age of 68. He was a resident of Albuquerque, NM, survivor is his daughter Thea Intveld.

Paul Roy Hunter, Vietnam Veteran, father, teacher, both lived and taught in the Trinidad area for over a decade. The family wishes to facilitate a memorial gathering for the personal closure of any of his friends in the area, we have chosen to honor and celebrate Paul's life and those relationships with a small memorial gathering on Wed, the 4th of June 2014, at 2:00pm. The memorial service will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel of Trinidad, Colo. in a reserved section of their restaurant in the hotel. It is requested by the family that friends please refrain from sending or bringing any flowers, Paul would much rather prefer that you make a contribution to your favorite Veterans organization. The family is sincerely looking forward to meeting and talking with any of Paul's friends from the Trinidad area. Hope to see you on the 4th of June 2014. Any questions may be directed to Phillip Croteau via his phisch7@msn.com or via his cell # 1-617-733-3778.

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Bennie J. Urioste

Bennie J. Urioste, age 84, passed away at the Colorado State Veterans Nursing Home in Walsenburg, Colo. on May 18, 2014.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4pm-7pm at the Comi Chapel.

Rosary will be Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 7pm at the Comi Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be Friday, May 23, 2014 at 1pm at Holy Trinity Church.

Interment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery with graveside services conducted by the United States Air Force Honor Guard.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

Gerda I. Wagner

Gerda I. Wagner, nee Noack, born March 6, 1941 in Munich, Germany, to Werner and Maria Noack, passed away on May 20, 2014.

Gerda was married to Kenneth J. Wagner in 1964, one daughter Ingrid, who passed away in 1999.

At her request cremation and no services.

Gerda loved all animals, (except snakes), so persons wishing to do so may make a donation in her memory to Noah's Ark.

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Joseph Vaccaro



Joseph Vaccaro, affectionately known as Sarge, passed away unexpectedly at the Sangre de Cristo Hospice House in Pueblo, Colo. on May 16, 2014. He was 88.

He was born in Delagua, Colo. on February 23, 1926, the son of Sophia (Rollo) and Nicola Vaccaro.

Joe attended area schools graduating from Trinidad High School in 1943. He attended Trinidad State Junior College receiving an AA degree in 1945.

On November 25, 1950, Joe was united in marriage to Dorothy Marie Gordon at Holy Trinity Church in Trinidad, Colo.

He proudly served his country during the Korean Conflict in the United States Army from 1950-1952 when he received his Honorable Discharge as a Sergeant. He was a coal miner for 51 years having worked in area mines including the Morley and Allen Mines.

Joe liked all things Notre Dame. He enjoyed Japanese Bonsai gardening, keeping physically fit by working out, and playing poker.

He was a member of the UMWA Local 9856 and a faithful member of Holy Trinity Parish where he attended Mass regularly.

Preceding him in death were parents, Sophia and Nicola Vaccaro, wife Dorothy Vaccaro, mother and father in law, Antonia and Pete Gordon, brother Tony Vaccaro, sisters, Rose Brewis, Mary Vecellio and Violet Pompia, sisters in law, Nancy Vaccaro and Blanche Herron, brothers in law, Kelly Vecellio, Joe Pompia, and Pete Gordon Jr.

Survivors are daughter Sharon (Bob) Villani, Littleton, Colo, son Glen Vaccaro, Trinidad, Colo, brother John Vaccaro, Surprise, AZ, brother in law, Tom Brewis, Hayward, CA, grandchildren, Melissa Gill, Vince Villani, Stephanie Villani, great grandchildren, Griffin Gill, Grayden Gill, Sophia Villani, Rome Villani, and Dior Villani. He is also survived by nieces and nephews, Lori Jo, Jon, Terry Rae, Nicky, Steve, So-Mae, Gene, Greg, Bill and Curly and numerous friends.

Visitation will be Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at the Comi Chapel from 3pm-6pm.

Rosary will be Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7pm at Holy Trinity Church.

Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 10am at Holy Trinity Church.

Interment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery with graveside services conducted by Ft. Carson Honor Guard.

Honorary Pallbearers are friends Frank Gagliardi, Tony Massarotti, Florie Massarotti, James Nava and John Antista, his poker playing buddies, Mike Vecchio, Charles Pugnetti, Roger Brunelli, Rudy Zuech, Tom Garcia, John Rino and John Montera.

Active Pallbearers are: Dan Nuschy, Jim Fernandez, Keith DeVoe, Norb Shew,

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Adolph Monaro Jr. and Jasper Butero.

Persons wishing to do so may make contributions in Joe's memory to Holy Trinity Church, 235 N. Convent, Trinidad, Colo. 81082

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Rose (Milosevich) Passarelli

Rose {Milosevich} Passarelli of Trinidad, Colo. died Monday May 19, 2014.

Rosary will be Monday, May 26, 2014, at 7pm at Mullare-Murphy Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, May 27, at 1pm at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial to follow at the Trinidad Masonic Cemetery.

Complete obituary to follow. The family has entrusted Mullare-Murphy Funeral Home with the arrangements.



Local students complete CSFS Master Volunteer Forest Stewards course

Special to The Chronicle-News

LA JUNTA – Nineteen students recently graduated from the first-ever “Colorado Master Volunteer Forest Steward – Plains” course. The 36-hour training was sponsored by the Colorado State Forest Service and the Colorado Tree Coalition and was held at Otero Junior College and the CSFS La Junta District office.

The month-long course was designed to acquaint the participants with key concepts of individual tree care and general principles of natural resource management. After the initial course training, graduates can now volunteer 36 hours in tree assistance to the CSFS, local tree boards or other agency partners including, but not limited to, the Colorado Cooperative Extension, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, local Conservation Districts and Natural Resource Conservation Service offices.

“The participants are very enthusiastic and have been a real pleasure to grow with

these past several weeks,” said Donna Davis, district forester for the CSFS La Junta District. “We all look forward to the volunteer possibilities in the future.”

The 19 graduates, listed with their communities, are: Dave Martin, Cheraw; Dana Barth, Holly; Norma Cannon, Patty Johnson, E. Werner Karlin, Cody Long, Mark Miller, Charles Pannebaker and Edward Vela, all from La Junta; Heather Craft, La Veta; David Miller, Lamar; Nancy Frieden, Las Animas; Norma Verhoeff, McClave; Fred and Sylvia Sassone, Olney Springs; Phyllis Adkins and Janeen Nelson, Rocky Ford; Gaynell Williams, Swink; and Karen Wolf, Trinidad.

Along with developing trained volunteers in southeast Colorado, the program also seeks to develop awareness, knowledge and appreciation of trees on the plains and in communities in the area. All who are interested in becoming trained Master Volunteer Foresters are encouraged to contact the CSFS La Junta District at (719) 383-5780 to learn about future opportunities.

CPW's weekly fishing reports return

Special to The Chronicle-News

Spring is here and the rivers and lakes are calling. Anglers have started to flock to Colorado's waters to take advantage of the year's best fishing conditions, and each week Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be putting out a statewide fishing report to help make sure they are successful.

The report will include current conditions and tips for fishing success. CPW also releases a stocking report that lists bodies of water where catchable trout have recently been released.

“This is a free service we provide to help encourage people to get out and fish Colorado's many great waters,” said Doug Krieger, a senior aquatic biologist for Colorado

Parks and Wildlife in Colorado Springs.

There's no shortage of opportunities for anglers to choose from in Colorado's 6,000 miles of streams and more than 2,000 lakes and reservoirs. Don't forget to explore some of Colorado's 322 miles of Gold Medal waters for a chance to reel in a trophy-class trout. “We've recently doubled the amount of Gold Medal waters in Colorado,” Krieger said. “There's never been a better time to get out and give fishing a try. Our biologists in the Southeast Region have even produced a forecast guide to the best fishing places for 2014.”

That guide can be found at cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Fishing/SoutheastRegionFishingForecast2014.pdf.

Anglers wishing to contribute information to the weekly fishing report can submit their fishing tips or conditions reports to fish.reporter@state.co.us. The weekly deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on Mondays.

CPW works hard to maintain the most accurate fishing report, but keep in mind that conditions change on a constant basis. The fishing report can be found at cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/FishingReports.aspx. The stocking report can be found at cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/StockingReport.aspx.

Raton's Shuler to feature 'Best New Act in Country Music'

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made Niceville a city.

“I met Will in our college show choir. As he puts it, he was ‘the geeky band guy’ and I was ‘the token hot chick singer.’ He was quiet and shy, but a friend paired us to play a wedding, and I fell in love with the way Will played piano. He had me from that moment on. We've been married almost 17 years now, with two kids,” Crystal said.

She's the writer. She doesn't write to any schedule or formula, which sets her apart from most Nashville writers. “I'm such an artsy-fartsy person and naturally kinda scatterbrained,” she said, “so I don't really have a method that I follow. I usually wind up writing things based on situations I'm in. It helps me get my frustrations out, and it's cheaper than therapy.”

Her band — Will — enters late in the creative process. “He says he's like the guy in the Italian restaurant who waits until the chefs are done, and then he slides the pizza into the oven as the last step,” Crystal said.

He's too modest. Crystal's entire sound is built around Will's guitar playing. In fact, it would be fair to call the act “Crystal & Will Yates.” Winning the Texaco Country Music Showdown with just a voice and a guitar is no small feat, and it's a tribute to Will's sensitive and expert musician-

ship.

“When we first started performing songs off our first album, we were doing small shows with just the two of us,” Will said. “The Civil Wars came out then, and Bryan Adams started his Bare Bones tour. Both acts sounded incredible with just vocals and an acoustic guitar. They inspired us to keep things simple.

“We refined what we do live, maximized the guitar tones and sounds, worked carefully on arrangements,” he said. “We've done two or three shows with a full band, but we just feel like we're more connected and engaged with an audience when it's just the two of us.”

One of his guitars is a Gretsch Bobtail Resonator, a hybrid between an acoustic guitar and a Dobro. “I got it because I heard in my head the whole arrangement to our song ‘Let That Record Play On,’ including the slide guitar and the foot stomp and tambourine elements, so I sort of had to get that guitar to get the arrangement out of my head. Now we use it in several songs,” Will said.

October's regional competition at the Shuler allowed each act only two songs. Crystal's two were enough for a panel of four judges, all music-industry professionals, to give her the win over the competition — seasoned performers who had won their state

competitions. Crystal looks forward to stretching out and giving the Shuler audience a bigger dose of her work.

“When we were there, David Phillips of KCRT said that he wished they'd set up the show as a benefit for The Hunger Pantry, with a canned-good or cash donation for admission. We told him that, win or lose, we would try to come back and do a benefit show,” Crystal said.

Little did anyone know that she'd come back as the new national champion, \$100,000 richer and “The Best New Act in Country Music.”

Saturday night's opening act will be Nicole Unser, former Ratonian and Texaco Country Music Showdown regional finalist. “After the Showdown in Nashville,” Crystal said, “we went out to Puckett's Restaurant, and there was this spunky little blonde we started talking with. It was Nicole, and she turns out to be a super-talented singer/songwriter. We visited her again on our next trip to Nashville, and it turns out she's moving back to Raton around the same time we're performing there. We're super-excited to have her joining us at the Shuler!”

Nicole Unser will open for Crystal and Will Yates in a country-music concert at the Shuler Theater on Saturday night, May 24, at 7 p.m. The price of admission will be a canned good or a cash donation to The Hunger Pantry.

With school year over, don't ruin graduation

Special to The Chronicle-News

Every day, almost 30 people in the United States die in motor-vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver. This amounts to one death every 48 minutes. The annual cost of alcohol-related crashes totals more than \$51 billion.

Thankfully, effective measures exist that can help prevent injuries and deaths from alcohol-impaired driving. Raton Police are doing their part to prevent

drunk-driving deaths with checkpoints and saturation patrols. Officers will be conducting a concentrated patrol effort to target drunk driving, passenger safety restraint and distracted driving through the month of May.

Whenever your social plans involve alcohol, you should make plans so that you don't have to drive after drinking. For example:

- Prior to any drinking, designate a non-drinking driver when

- with a group.
- Don't let your friends drive impaired. Take their keys away.
- If you have been drinking, get a ride home or call a sober driver.
- If you're hosting a party where alcohol will be served, remind your guests to plan ahead and designate their sober driver; offer alcohol-free beverages; and make sure all guests leave with a sober driver.

The Raton Police Department will conduct DWI checkpoints as well as several DWI Saturation Patrols and Click it or Ticket Operations during the month of May. The Raton Police Department is conducting operations during these times to help keep the streets of Raton safe for the motoring public. The Raton Police Department work's with the



New Mexico Traffic Safety Bureau to make driving safe for all motorists by enforcing traffic laws and raising public awareness to prevent traffic-related crashes, injuries and fatalities.

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